

Spring Statewide Assessment Participation Guidelines for High School

Spring NECAP Science with notes on NH-Alt

High School Students who Must Test

All* *NH public high school students*, regardless of placement, are required (except as noted below) to participate once in the high school statewide science assessment as follows:

- **Regularly assessed students:** a student participates in the grade 11 Spring NECAP Science test the **first** year the student is in grade 11 or higher as of May 1 of each year
- **Students in the court system**, adjudicated as juveniles must participate in the assessment.
- **High school students in CTE or alternative programs** must participate in the assessment.

All* Except for cases listed below, *All* NH public high school students* is defined as all students who are enrolled in any public NH school/academy or program including students attending evening and off-site programs; all students who have been placed by any NH district in any non-public or private schools (both in-state and out-of-state); and all students who have been placed by any NH district in any out-of-state public school. These students are identified in i4see enrollment files with an enrollment status of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11.

Note: Students identified for **NH Alternate Assessment** must complete a year-long portfolio in science during the first year they are in grade 11 or higher (as reported in the BOY file). These portfolio assessments were started in the fall and will be submitted for scoring in May. The results are combined with the results of the May NECAP science tests. NH-Alt students in grades 4, 8 or 11 who enroll after February 1 from any enrollment that is not NH publicly funded may be eligible for exemption from the spring NECAP science test. Please contact the state assessment office for verification.

Note: **First year LEP students** are not exempt.

Exceptions- Students who are Not Required to Participate in Certain Assessments:

- **Students who Repeat Grade 11:** Students who are repeating Grade 11 (were in Grade 11 as of May 1, 2008) should not be tested.
- **Students who are completing a grade 11 NH-Alt science portfolio in school year 2008-2009:** Students who will submit a May 2009 NH-Alt grade 11 Science Portfolio should not be tested with the Spring NECAP. (They may, however, participate on a trial basis.)
- **Students with State Approved Special Consideration (e.g. Medical Exemptions):** These students are exempt from those content areas identified within written approval by the NHDoE Director of Assessment.
- **Enrolled After Test Window Opens:** Students who enroll from anywhere other than a NH district after May 11 do not need to be tested. (Students who enroll from a NH district should complete testing.)
- **Withdrew During Test Window:** Students who withdraw during the test window but prior to finishing testing do not need to finish testing at that location. (For students scheduled to participate in the NECAP test, withdrawal status must be bubbled on the student's answer booklet). If the student then enrolls in a NH district, the receiving district should administer the remainder of the test.
- Students **adjudicated and incarcerated as an adult in the NH prison system** do not need to be tested.
- **Enrolled Out-of-State:** Student placed out-of-state by the district who participate in the receiving state's assessment and accountability system should not be tested. (Report these students to the State)
- **A Grade 12 student** who was not a *NH public high school student* last year (not enrolled as of May 1, 2008) should not be tested.
- **Home Schooled Students:** Home schooled students may, but do not have to be, tested at the parent's discretion. This applies to students that are fully home schooled (not appearing in i4see enrollment files), and those home schooled students who are participating in funded activities at the school (enrollment status 4 in i4see enrollment files).
- **Adult High School and GED students NOT reported as enrolled:** Students who will not be reported in EOY enrollment files as enrolled as of May 11, 2009 should not be tested. These students are dropouts who may or may not return to regular enrollment status. GED students reported as enrolled must be tested.